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6:30pm
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NEW BOSTON YOUTH ZONE

Boston Youth Zone, the official website for youth programs, events, and opportunities, has been redesigned! Learn about applying to college, writing a resume, finding a tutoring program, and MORE. Get quick, category search results from Bostonnavigator, and meet this year's Mayor's Youth Council. Visit the site to check out new features and stay up-to-date with resources and information designed for youth. Friends and family who don't get the newsletter can sign up directly on the website! Check out the new Boston Youth Zone today! www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone



BOSTON MOVES FOR HEALTH

Join Mayor Menino's new campaign aimed at improving the health and fitness of the City of Boston. As part of the initiative, the mayor has challenged residents to lose one million pounds and move (walk, run, hop, swim, skip, etc) 10 million miles. Join the challenge for FREE! The site allows you to create a profile, track your health goals, get nutrition tips, and attend group activities to support friends and family to a healthier lifestyle. Some classes listed in the calendar, like yoga, offer a free a class for the first visit. Join the movement today! www.BostonMovesForHealth.org



Hatha Yoga

Tue, Jun 26

6pm

Fields Corner Branch BPL

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Find summer opportunities, free events, contests & more!

Jobs and Community Service

Get updates on literacy, job training & placement, and support services.



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Get updates and alerts on important things going on around the city: Follow [@NotifyBoston](#)

Get summer job updates: Follow: [@BostonYouthFund](#)

SUMMER BOSTON



@SummerBoston: Explore Boston this summer with Mayor Menino's one-stop clearinghouse for summer programs and great events! You could see a movie in your local park, play tennis at a neighborhood community center, find a pool, take a walking tour, listen to a concert on City Hall Plaza or learn to paint on the waterfront!

www.cityofboston.gov/summer

BCYF's Summer Guide: Check out all the summer programs that community centers are offering during the summer of 2012. This guide includes important information about a variety of summer camps, drop in programs, sports leagues and more. www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Summer Stuff 2012: Boston Public School's Summer Stuff houses summer job, program, and event information for middle and high school students. Summer Stuff Jr. is available for elementary school youth and is full of summer camp options.

www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer

ParkARTS: Boston Parks and Recreation offers activities and events for residents and visitors of all ages. From Wednesday night concerts on City Hall Plaza to neighborhood crafts workshops, the Frog Pond wading pool to Puppet Shows, there is something for everyone! www.cityofboston.gov/parks

Free Fun Fridays: The Highland Street Foundation is providing support to selected Massachusetts's cultural institutions so they can open their doors to residents and tourists for FREE on Fridays throughout the summer. Free Fun Fridays will run from Jun 29 through Aug 31.

www.highlandstreet.org

Bostonnavigator: Find programs located in Boston that are providing transportation or making special accommodations for Boston students from early childhood through age 24. You can register on the site to write reviews and comments about programs in which you have participated.
www.BOSTONnavigator.org



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Phillips Brooks House Summer Urban Program: Join one of the 10 affordable summer programs in Boston and Cambridge for children. Camps include academic enrichment, fieldtrips, and recreation. Deadline: FC/FS. Priority given to low income families and returning campers. For locations and details: <http://programs.pbha.org/sup>.

Camp Harbor View: Camp Harbor View provides a healthy and fun outdoor experience for middle school students, with hiking, arts and crafts, sports programs and swimming. Two 4-week sessions for Boston youth ages 11-14. Cost: \$5 fee per session and includes transportation. Spots available for waiting list.
www.campharborviewfoundation.org

Camp Joy: For Boston residents ages 3-22 with disabilities. This 4-week summer camp provides structured, daily opportunities for participants to make new friends, have fun, learn and grow! www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf 617-635-4920 x2402

Sociedad Latina's Summer Seedlings Program (SSP): Youth ages 6-13 can enjoy skill-building activities with hands-on enrichment clubs that promote physical activity, healthy living and more. Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-3:30pm. Middle school students and Mission Hill families are priority applicants. Jimmy, 617-442-4299 x120, www.sociedadlatina.org

East Boston Sports Recreation & Sports Center: Come play your favorite sport for free at East Boston Sports Recreation Center. Children may also participate in activities including dance, games, and arts crafts. Ages 7-14. Preregistration is recommended and space is limited. Jul 9-Aug 17, 9-3pm. 617-635-5206x102, www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/Recreation.asp

White Stadium Sports Center: This sport-teaching center offers boys and girls ages 7-14 the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of a variety of sports in a six-week program. Preregistration is recommended and space is limited. Jul 10-Aug 17, 8:30am-3pm. 617-635-5206 x106, www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/Recreation.asp

White Stadium's Enrichment Program: This is a five-week reading, writing, and math enrichment program offered on Mondays, 8:30am-3pm. For City of Boston youth ages 7-14. Pre-registration is recommended and space is limited. Jul 16-Aug 13. White Stadium at Franklin Park. 617-635-5206 x106, www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/Recreation.asp

YMCA Young Achievers: Sign up now for the Young Achievers Summer Institute. Students are introduced to various careers in arts, government and health. The institute offers several summer sessions. Students entering grades 8-10. 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri. All sessions meet at YMCA Achievers, 316 Huntington Ave, Boston. For sessions details and fees: www.ymcaboston.org/achievers

Get Summer at the YMCA: Teens can enjoy FREE summer memberships at the YMCA from Jun 23-Sep 8. Members have access to sports & fitness programs, leadership & volunteer opportunities, and academic support. Visit your local Y to sign up. www.ymcaboston.org/teens



BOATING

Community Boating Junior Program: Gain skills in kayaking, sailing, or windsurfing on the Charles River this summer! This is an open drop-in program, so there is no sign-in/sign-out system for the program itself. Ages 10-18. Must be able to swim 75 yards. Must only pay for membership. Jun 18-Aug 24. 617-523-1038, www.community-boating.org

Piers Park Sailing: Piers Park Sailing Center offers FREE sailing programs for youth throughout the summer. Piers Park is located in East Boston near the Maverick T stop on the Blue Line. Register now! www.piersparksailing.org

Brighton Community Rowing: The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) offers instruction for beginners, recreational and competitive rowers through October. Special programs for physically challenged and visually impaired people. Harry Parker Boathouse, Nonantum Rd. 617-779-8267, www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/sailing.htm

Harry McDonough Sailing Program: The Harry McDonough Sailing Program is open from May until early October. Castle Island, Day Blvd, South Boston. Special programs for visually impaired people. 617-268-8556, www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/sailing.htm

Boating is FUN Camp: Summer Boating Camp for kids ages 8-15 at UMass Boston. Each camp runs for a week, every day from Monday to Friday. 617-299-3392, www.boatingcamp.com

Row Boston Summer Clinics: Week-long rowing clinics will be held from 9-4pm during the weeks of Jul 9- Jul 20, Jul 23- Aug 3, and Aug 6- Aug 17, Aug 20-Aug 31. Clinics are open to all skill levels and ages 12-18. Experience required and all transportation is provided from Boston to the Community Rowing Boathouse in Brighton. Register: 617-779-8277, www.communityrowing.org



SUMMER SPORTS

Tenacity Summer Tennis and Reading Program: Tenacity, a FREE literature and fitness program, provides participants the chance to improve their tennis and reading skills. Register for a minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 6 weeks. Boston residents ages 6-16. Jul 9-Aug 17, Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm for ages 6-10 and 1-4pm for ages 11-16. Equipment provided. For a list of locations and dates, http://tenacity.org/Summer_Overview.php

Football for You Clinic: Sign up today for the FREE non-contact football clinic. For boys and girls ages 11-14. Sponsored by BCYF and the Patriots Alumni Club and Charitable Foundation. Jun 9, 8:30-12pm. BCYF Recreation Center at Madison Park football field in Roxbury. 617-635-4920 x2229, www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/Recreation.asp

Boston Neighborhood Basketball League: BNBL is currently accepting registrations for individuals and teams to compete in the 43rd annual summer season. Registration forms can be picked up at any BCYF community center, or downloaded online. Ages 11-18. Registration deadline Jun 22. Woodley, 617-635-5206 www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Boston Neighborhood Basketball Pee Wee League: BNBL is currently accepting applications for the Pee Wee League. Program will run from Jul 2-Aug 9. Ages 6-11. 617-635-5206, www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/Summer.asp

Boston Neighborhood Soccer League: BNSL is a six-week 7 v 7 soccer league. Divisions include ages 8-10 coed, 12 & Under Boys, 14 & Under Boys, 18 & Under Boys, 13 Girls 12 & Under, Girls 14 & under and 18 & U girls. Jul 9- Aug 17. Millenium Park, West Roxbury. 617-635-5206 x102, www.cityofboston.gov/BCYF/Recreation.asp

ASA Hoops: A Step Ahead Hoops is hosting its annual summer camp at Boston Latin School. ASA Hoops will not only teach the fundamentals of basketball, but will challenge all to compete on a daily basis. Boys and girls ages 9-17. Jul 9-27, 8:30am-3:30pm. 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston. CoachB@asahoops.com, www.asahoops.com

Summer SCORES: America SCORES Boston's Summer SCORES program will enliven and enrich your child's summer break. Enjoy a variety of sports and arts activities designed to engage your child's mind and body, delivered by our trained and experienced staff. Open to Boston children entering grades 4-7. Space is limited. Cost: \$30 for the whole summer (includes breakfast, lunch, and community center membership for a year). Weekdays, Jul 9-Aug 17, 9am-3pm. Cleveland Community Center, Dorchester. Dwayne, 617-4-SCORES x152, www.AmericaSCORESBoston.org

Bike Friday: On one Friday a month throughout the summer, Boston Bikes hosts a party at City Hall for the city's cyclists. Join a bike commuter convoy, follow a fixed route to City Hall, and enjoy a free breakfast and coffee. Plus, learn the best routes and tips for city riding and bicycle commuting. Jun 15, Jul 27, and Aug 31, 6:45-9am. www.bikefridays.org

40-mile Bike-A-Thon: This year's Bike-a-Thon will have a new 40-mile route, which heads straight out west to the Farm Pond area in Dover and Sherborn. You can volunteer at this event by biking along the route to help riders, setting up tents and banners, supervising festival activities. Jun 3, rain date: Jun 24. Register online. <http://bikesnotbombs.org/>

Healthworks Youth Fitness: Children can learn yoga, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and more. Ages 5-8 from 5-6pm and ages 9-12 from 6-7pm. Enrollment fee: \$15. 450 Washington St, Codman Sq. 617-825-2800, www.healthworksfoundation.org



JOBS & VOLUNTEERING

ICA Teen Art Council: The Institute of Contemporary Art is looking for youth ages 14-18 to serve as members of the Teen Art Council during the 2012-2013 school year. Members receive a stipend. Apply now by downloading an application: www.icaboston.org/programs/teens

ABCD SummerWorks Job Registration: Apply online 24 hours a day and follow the step-by-step instructions (requires a working email account). Read and complete the application with a parent or guardian. A complete application includes a signed application, CORI form, checklist, and eligibility documentation. You can also apply in person at your local neighborhood ABCD office. Applicants must be residents of Boston, age 14-21, and income eligible. Submitting an application does NOT guarantee a summer job. 617-348-6548, www.summerworks.net

Teens in Print: Have you dreamed of seeing your name in print? Would you like to visit great venues like Fenway Park? Teens in Print offers both paid and unpaid summer positions to learn how to use the press to cover topics that are important to teenagers. Apply now! Ric, 617-541-2651, ric.kahn.jcs@cityofboston.gov, www.writeboston.org

Boston PIC: If you attend a BPS High School, connect with your Private Industry Council (PIC) Career Specialist who can help you with your resume, job interview skills and job search. www.BostonPIC.org

Teen Resume Guide: Create a resume to share with potential job, internship or volunteer leads. This guide includes a variety of formats samples, tips on how to tell your story, and great action words to describe your work and volunteer experience. www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone/JobsInternshipsAndVolunteering

Job Tips for Teens: There are many things to keep in mind as you look for a job. In addition to money, a job or an internship can provide you with new skills and a chance to investigate careers you might be interested in pursuing. This guide includes advice for young job seekers in Boston and resources to help you in your search. www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone/JobsInternshipsAndVolunteering

Boston Cares' Teen TeamWorks Program: Teen TeamWorks provides opportunities for 15 teens to participate in teambuilding and leadership activities, civic engagement discussions, and daily volunteer projects at local non-profit organizations. The theme for July will be "Environmentalism and Sustainability," and the theme for August will be "Civic Engagement and Service." Jul 10-13 & Aug 6-9. Deadline: Jun 8 and Jul 6, respectively. 617-422-0910 x208, www.bostoncares.org

Volunteer at the Greenway: Get involved and help the Conservancy keep the parks looking beautiful. Sign up to volunteer with our Horticultural crew in the parks or become a park docent helping visitors find their way. Horticulture projects take place bi-weekly, Wednesdays, 9am-noon. Register: volunteer@rfkkgc.org. For more opportunities www.rosekennedygreenway.org

Environmental Protection Agency: Join the Environmental Protection Agency in helping to make the streets of Chinatown clean! Meet every Sun, 11am-1pm, to participate in a community-wide neighborhood cleanup. All ages welcome. Jinhe, blscurrentevents@gmail.com



FEATURED PROGRAMS

Read Your Way to Fenway: Starting Jun 1, Boston youth ages 5-17 are invited to enter to win a chance for two tickets to a Boston Red Sox game on Aug 26. All you have to do is read three books, write an essay about your favorite, and return your completed entry form to your branch library by Jul 20 by 5pm. Also, take part in one of the many kick-off events held at BPL libraries. Events range from movie screenings to cook-outs to Red Sox giveaways. Check your local library branch for more details. www.bpl.org/summer

Sinha' Capoeira: Capoeira is a unique Afro-Brazilian martial art and one of the fastest growing cultural art forms in the world. Participate in this explosive combination of martial arts and dance. Classes start Jun 1. Attend anytime in Jun to get 2 weeks of FREE classes. All ages welcome. Grand Opening celebration with live music, workshops, dancing and food on Jun 30, 3pm. 179A Washington Avenue, Chelsea. 857-312-6686, www.sinhacapoeira.com

CHAMPS Boston: CHAMPS Boston is inviting youth and sports coaches to Fenway Park to participate in activities that will both educate and inspire. From a coaches huddle and obstacle courses to sprints and photos with the World Series trophy, Cheers for CHAMPS will leave you motivated to incorporate sportsmanship, good food, and fitness into your daily lives. Jun 4, 4:30-7:30pm. Registration: www.ChampsBoston.org.

Ghosts of Jupiter Music Experience Premiere: Visit the Museum of Science to experience a rock-and-roll journey through space and time. This Boston based rock band will be putting on an awe inspiring shows in the Planetarium. Starts Jun 22. Cost: \$10. Tickets and showtimes: <http://ghostsofjupiter.com/MOS>

Free Ferry Day: Enjoy a free boat ride to George's or Spectacle Island where you can enjoy a picnic or relax. Ferries will be running on a special schedule. Due to high demand, all tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and have a specific return time. Ticket kiosk opens at 8am. Groups are limited to five. No advance reservations. June 19, 9am-5pm. 617-223-8666, <http://bostonharborislands.org>

Earn-A-Bike-Summer Session: Choose a bike and learn the skills to not only build it up, but maintain it as well. At the end of the program the bike is given to you. You also go on bike adventures to explore places in Boston and look into environmental awareness topics. To qualify for enrollment, BOTH the application and payment need to be submitted. Session 1: Jul 4-Jul 20, deadline Jun 27, Session 2: Jul 25-Aug 10, deadline Jul 18. Elijah, 617-522-0222 x101, <http://bikesnotbombs.org/earn-a-bike>

Summer Teen Studio Art Intensives: The MFA will be offering summer weekly studio art intensives for youth ages 12-18. Intensives include lessons in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, fashion drawing, and more. Classes will be instructed by experienced educators and professional artists. Weekly classes will run from Jun 25-Aug 13. Cost: \$210-275. Limited scholarships available. www.mfa.org/programs/studio-art-classes/summer-teen-intensive

Titus Sparrow Park Summer Concert Series: Friends of Titus Spark Park sponsors summer concerts on Wednesdays. Jun 13-Sep 5, 6:30pm. June concerts include "Los Sugar Kings" on Jun 13, "Chicken Slacks" on Jun 20, and "Katrin" on Jun 27. <http://www.titussparrowpark.org/concerts.php>

Arts Roots Boston Dance & Drama Intensive: Students will train with professionals and learn how to use drama to build literacy development. Ages 6-13. Session 1: Jul 2-27, Session II: Jul 30-Aug 24, 9am-2:30pm (drop off as early as 8:30am). 614 Blue Hill Ave Suite A, Dorchester. \$300 each session, or \$200 with a sibling discount. Deadline: first-come, first-served by Jun 30. 857-220-ROOT (7668), www.qeboston.com



PARKS

Landscape Watercolor Painting Workshops: Check out these hands-on watercolor workshops by experienced Boston Area Artists and create your own green space inspired masterpieces. Materials provided. Jun 3, 10, 17 & 24 at the Public Garden. Jun 2, 16, & 23 at Christopher Columbus Park, North End. Jun 9 at Geneva Cliffs Urban Wild, Dorchester. 12-2pm. www.cityofboston.gov/parks

Pics in the Parks Photography Workshops: Learn the tricks of taking a perfect photograph. Bring your own digital or film camera. Pre-registration is encouraged. Mondays at 6pm, starting Jul 16. www.cityofboston.gov/parks for specific dates and locations. 617-635-4505 x3051

Summer Fun at the Pond: Children of all ages will enjoy a puppet show, entertainment, and discounted sailboat rides and boat rentals courtesy of Courageous Sailing at the first summer celebration at Jamaica Pond. Jun 9, 1-3pm. Jamaica Pond Boathouse. www.cityofboston.gov/parks

Mayor Menino's Coffee Hours During the Month of June: Residents of Boston have the chance to enjoy free informational Coffee Hours in various neighborhood parks throughout the city with the Mayor while discussing needs in their neighborhoods. The annual series, sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts, will take place through Jun 23. All participants will enjoy coffee and healthy breakfast treats provided by Dunkin' Donuts. www.cityofboston.gov/parks

Billings Field, West Roxbury, Mon, Jun 4, 9:30-10:30am
McKinney Playground, Allston, Thurs, Jun 7, 9:30-10:30am
Fr. Buckley Playground, South Boston, Fri, Jun 8, 9-10am
Rev. Loesch Family Park, Dorchester, Mon, Jun 11, 9:30-10:30am
DeFilippo Playground, North End, Fri, Jun 22, 9:30-10:30am
Kittredge Park, Roxbury, Sat, Jun 23, 9:30-10:30am



GREENWAY

FIGMENT Boston: Figment is a free, annual celebration of participatory art and culture. The Rose Kennedy Greenway will be transformed into a large-scale collaborative artwork on Jun 2, 11am-7pm and Jun 3, 11am-6pm. <http://boston.figmentproject.org/>

Tai Chi: Free tai chi classes will be offered at the Chinatown Park on Sundays now through Oct 28 from 9-10:30am. www.rosekennedygreenway.org

Greenway Lawn Games: Go to Dewey Square to play FREE bocce ball, croquet, and baggo in various parks. Tues, Thurs & Sat now through Sep, 11:30am-1:30pm. www.rosekennedygreenway.org

Carousel on the Greenway: The colorful carousel of horses is located in the Wharf District Parks of the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway between Atlantic Ave and Surface Artery South Bound just east of Faneuil Hall, near Christopher Columbus Park. Tickets: \$3. Open Sun-Thurs, 11am-7pm and Fri-Sat, 11am-11pm. www.rosekennedygreenway.org



COLLEGE PLANNING

Let's Get Ready Summer 2012: Sign up now for a FREE SAT coaching and college admissions guidance program run by trained college students. For more information or to sign up for the HERC location on Northampton St.

www.letsgetready.org/Programs/Boston or the Dorchester location

www.letsgetready.org/Programs/DorchesterMA

Friends of the Dudley Branch Library Memorial Scholarship: FODBL is offering two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who are residents of the Roxbury Community (zip codes 02119, 02120, and 02121). Applicants must be attending college in the fall. Deadline: June 15. For an application: Diane Davis, 617-427-3498, ddavis_02119@yahoo.com

Bottom Line College Counseling: Bottom Line is accepting applications from high school juniors in the class of 2013. There are 500 spots available in Boston, filled on a first come, first served basis. To be eligible for the free, one-on-one, year-long college application and financial aid advising services, you must be a Boston resident, have at least a 2.5 GPA, and you must be in the first generation of your family to attend college AND live in a household that meets Bottom Line's income eligibility requirements. For more information and to apply, <http://bottomline.org/for-students/student-application.aspx>

Pathways to Success at JobNet: Pathways to Success offers free education and career transition services for young adults ages 17 and up including MCAS prep, GED prep, job search assistance, job training and college exploration. Walk-ins on Thursdays, 12:45pm. 210 South St, Boston 02111. Tasha, 617-338-0809 x207, www.jobnetboston.org

College Preparation & Financial Aid Counseling: Weekly programs are designed to help teens explore college options, learn about college life, and prepare for the experience. Enjoy college tours, SAT prep, help with college apps, and financial aid assistance. <http://westendhouse.org/education.html>

Boston Scholarship Guide: Information about local scholarships available to help you pay for college! www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com



FAMILY FUN

Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl: The 30th annual Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl presented by FedEx will be held Jun 5-7, Noon-8pm on Boston City Hall Plaza. The event will serve up ice cream, frozen yogurt, and sorbet from ten of the nation's leading ice cream companies. Adults (ages 10+) \$10, Ages 3-9 \$5, children under 3 free. www.jimmyfund.org/eve/event/scooper-bowl/default.html

Swan Boats of Boston: Enjoy a 15-minute ride around the Public Garden Lagoon. Open every day, weather permitting. 10am-4pm. Boston Public Garden Lagoon. Adults: \$2.75, Children ages 2-15: \$1.50, Seniors: \$2.00. www.swanboats.com

Sunday Family Yoga Series: The Sunday Family Yoga Series will be instructed by certified yoga teacher for 6 weeks through June 24. Families are welcomed to drop-in or to come to all 6 sessions. Discount for attending all 6 sessions: Adults: \$60, kids: \$36. Drop ins adult: \$16, kids: \$8 per class. Sign up online. www.charlestownyoga.com, 617-241-0824

Frog Pond Spray Pool Opening Celebration: Celebrate the opening of the spray pool with a variety of family-friendly activities including music, art, entertainment, and a grand opening ceremony. Jun 27, 11am. Cool off all summer long in the Spray Pool, open daily at 11am for children ages 12 and under. Lifeguards on duty during all open hours! 617-635-2120, www.bostonfrogpond.com

NEAQ World Oceans Day Celebration: Join the New England Aquarium to experience a full line-up of outdoor Oceans Day activities, including submersible robots, cooking demonstrations, hands-on activities, and plenty to learn about ocean animals and habitats. FREE. Jun 3, 11am-4pm www.neaq.org

Frog Pond Carousel on the Common: The carousel is open at Frog Pond! Open Sun 9-6pm, Mon- Thurs 11-6pm, Fri 11-8pm, Sat 9-8pm. The 20-seat carousel features horses, a frog, and a teacup. 617-635-2120, www.bostonfrogpond.com

Summer Evening Yoga at the Frog Pond: Join us on the lawn adjacent to the carousel for FREE outdoor yoga classes at the Frog Pond. Drop-in only, no advanced registration required. All levels of experience are welcome. A limited number of mats and blocks will be available, we recommend you bring your own. Tuesdays at 6pm, Jun 5-Aug 28. Cheri.Rigby@scboston.org, www.bostonfrogpond.com

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation: MDOCRR is hosting a free fun-filled day of celebrating Accessible Outdoor Recreation. This event is available for individuals, families and friends of people with disabilities. Activities will include a cycling fair with an assortment of accessible cycles available for use. Also adaptive recreational activities such as hiking, letterboxing, face painting and more. Volunteers needed. Jun 9, 10am-3pm. Artesani Park, Brighton. 617 626-1294, www.mass.gov/dcr

International Water Safety Day: Take part in educational day, filled with fun water activities and safety tips for 6-14 year olds including basic water safety and reach & throw rescue. Pre-registration required by Jun 25: iwsdnes12@gmail.com. Jun 30, 12-3pm. BCYF Recreation Center at Madison Park. 617-635-5206

Hyde Square Task Force Community Fun Day: The Hyde Square Task Force will be hosting a Community Fun Day to cheer on HSTF runners of the 5K Run/Walk. There will be performances by HSTF youth, music, dance, food, prizes and more! Jun 10, 10am. 617-524-8303

Roslindale Village Farmers' Market Opening Day Celebration: Join Mayor Menino and the community in a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the Roslindale Farmers' Market season. Live music from local bands. Jun 2, 9:30am. Market will run Saturdays thru Oct 27. Adams Park, Roslindale. www.roslindale.net/farmersmarket

Fusion Arts Summer Series: Sociedad Latina will kick off its Fusion Arts in the Park series Jul 5. Bring family and friends to these exciting weekly events featuring musical performances, arts and crafts activities and healthy snacks. Events are free and open to the public. Thursdays, 6-8pm. Sheehy Park, Tremont Street in Mission Hill. David, 617-442-4299 x142, david@sociedadlatina.org



FESTIVALS & PARADES

Annual Dragon Boat Festival: Enjoy boat races on the Charles River as well as a celebration of culture. Races will be held Jun 9, 8-1pm and final races will be on Jun 10, 9-5pm. Festival will run 12-5pm, Jun 12. www.bostondragonboat.org

Dorchester Day Parade: Celebrate Dorchester with family and friends! Jun 3, 1pm. 617-635-3911, <http://dotdayparade.com/>

Bunker Hill Day Parade: Come celebrate Bunker Hill Day and commemorate the Battle of Bunker Hill. Jun 10 along Bunker Hill St, Charlestown. 617-242-2724, <http://charlestown.patch.com>

Portuguese Flag Raising Ceremony: Participate in the flag ceremony honoring Boston's Portuguese residents on Jun 10, 11am on the Cambridge St. side of Boston City Hall Plaza. Joao Caixinha, 617-775-9161

Green Roots Festival: The Green Roots Festival is an outdoor celebration with food, live music, exhibitors, vendors, and interactive children's activities, put on by Bikes Not Bombs. The Festival takes in the park adjacent to the Stony Brook T Station in Jamaica Plain. FREE, volunteers needed! Jun 3, 12-5:30pm. <http://bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon/green-roots-festival>



WALKS & RUNS

American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Boston: The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event. Join a team that will take turns walking or running for 24 hours to signify the ongoing battle against cancer. Moakley Park, South Boston. Jun 15. For registration: www.relayforlife.org/bostonma

AIDS Walk Boston: Help the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts to prevent HIV infections, support those who have been affected and tackle the root causes of the disease. The 6.2 mile walk will begin and end at the Hatch Shell, with a route that takes you through Boston, Brookline, and Cambridge. Jun 3, 7:30am-1:30pm. www.aidswalkboston.org

NSTAR's Walk for Children's Hospital Boston: Take a 2 or 7 mile walk to Keep Kids Healthy! Jun 10. DCR Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade. The 7-mile walk, 11am, 2-mile walk, noon. Register or volunteer, www.childrenshospital.org

Hyde Square Task Force Multi-Day 5K Run/Walk: Join the Hyde Square Task Force for its multi-day community 5K run/walk. You choose the date that you'd like to run, with all runs through Jamaica Plain led by Hyde Square Task Force youth. All ages welcome. Jun 5-Jun 9. Sign up today at www.racemenu.com/hstf5k. 617-318-6620, Karen@hydesquare.org

3 Mile Run & Let's Move Outside Family Fun Run: Bring the family to Spectacle Island for a full day of fun physical activities. Pre-registration is required and there is a fee for participating. Jun 2, 9:30am-2pm. Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor. 617-223-8108, www.bostonharborislands.org



FOR GIRLS ONLY

Dream Big! Leadership Conference: This conference will provide opportunities for 7th-12th grade girls to meet on a college campus, interact with accomplished women, and learn about the range of educational, career, and athletic opportunities that are available to them in today's society. Girls will hear from women who have participated in physical activity and gone on to become engineers, doctors, athletes, scientists, musicians, and more. Participation is free, but registration is limited to the first 135 girls who sign up. Jun 6, 8:30am-1:30pm. Boston College's Conte Forum. 888-291-7664 x701, www.dream-big.org

Center for Young Women's Health: Come visit the Children's Hospital League's Resource Center. The Center has information on tons of health topics and was created for teen girls who want to learn more about safety, eating disorders, nutrition and much more. 617-355-2994, www.youngwomenshealth.org

Fashion Design: Girls will learn to design, construct, sew, market, and sell fashionable fashions. Take business development classes 4 days a week. Register now. Ages 13-14. Jul 5-Aug 20, 9am-5pm. Bird Street Community Center. Diana, 617-282-6110 x24, www.birdstreet.org

Girl's Space at the Cleveland Community Center: Ladies come out and meet other girls in the neighborhood. Program designed for girls to share, grow and learn. Wednesdays, 12:30-5pm & "Ladies Nights" Fridays, 4-8pm. Erika, Erika.Butler@cityofboston.gov, 617-635-5141



EARLY CHILDHOOD

ReadBoston Storymobile Program: The ReadBoston Storymobile program is a six-week summer program that will run weekdays from Jul 9-Aug 17 in 2012. Each week, a professional storyteller will visit host sites, and all children in attendance will receive a new, high-quality book to keep. 617-918-5289, www.readboston.org

Talk Read Play: Boston's children thrive when they talk, read, and play! Find programs for younger children! Also, check out valuable resources and be the first to hear about awesome events. www.talkreadplay.org

Countdown to Kindergarten Play to Learn Playgroups: Boston children ages 1-3 and their parents can sign up to attend free parent-child playgroups this winter. All caregivers are welcome to attend to build a community of peers for support, to foster nurturing behaviors and to help children learn skills for success in school. Rosa, 617-635-9288, playgroup@Boston.k12.ma.us, www.countdowntokindergarten.org/playtolearn.html

Boston Children's Museum: Three floors of exhibits designed to engage the whole family in fun, hands-on experiences that teach children about the world in which they live. Check out Target \$1 Friday Nights 5-9pm. 308 Congress St, Boston. www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org



INFORMATION TO KNOW

Baby Safe Haven: The Safe Haven Act allows a parent to legally surrender newborn infants 7 days old or younger at a hospital, police station, or manned fire station without facing criminal prosecution. 866-814-SAFE, www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/family-services/babysafehaven

BPS Re-Engagement Center: The Re-Engagement Center helps youth get back into school, complete high school, and receive your high school diploma. Discover what your best pathway for graduation and beyond is. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. 55 Malcolm X Blvd, Roxbury, 617-635-2273. www.bostonpublicschools.org/school/re-engagement-center

Use Your Charlie Card to Get Discounts: Many businesses offer discounts just for showing your MBTA Charlie Card. The Charlie Card Discount Book is packed with deals you can't pass up - from arts and entertainment options, restaurants, retail stores, health and fitness services, and more! Plus, most of the listings are easily accessible by the T. www.mbta.com/riding_the_t/CharlieCard_Discount_Book



YOUTH WORKERS

Caring for Children with Diabetes: This class is designed for caregivers of children with diabetes of all ages, with a focus on the particular needs of early childhood. Participants learn to list the signs, symptoms, causes, and treatments of childhood diabetes, identify ways to normalize diabetes in the setting of childhood, and more. Price: \$30 per person. Certificate of attendance for 2 contact hours will be distributed. Register: www.joslin.org. Jun 28, 6:30-8:30pm. Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston. Georgia, 617-309-4530, www.joslin.org/phs/caregivers_classes.html

Welcoming LGBT Families into Your Classroom: Wheelock College is hosting a professional development course for educators, social workers, and child life specialists that will focus on understanding the needs of LGBT headed families and their children. Jul 9-13, 9am-5pm. www.wheelock.edu/summer

Add a Photo or Logo to Your Programs on BOSTONavigator: Programs can now add an organization logo or photos to personalize your program page. At your user login, click the 'image' button. From there, you can add up to five photos. Be sure you have permission to publicly publish any images you select. Remember to update your program information to allow for more accurate search results throughout the website. www.bostonnavigator.org

Rate Your Program on BOSTONavigator: Tell your past program participants to use BOSTONavigator's ratings feature! Encourage them to complete a review of your program to get the word out about your work and help other youth connect to programs that will benefit them. www.bostonnavigator.org

Do You Want to Add Information to the Boston Youth Zone Newsletter?: If you would like to add information about your program, please email Youthline@cityofboston.gov by the 23rd of each month. Please include details about the program, cost, location and who someone should contact for more information.

The Mayor's YOUTHLINE is a resource for young people, parents, educators and youth workers. Teen listeners offer a variety of referrals to art, athletic, educational, employment, entertainment, legal, health and social service programs and organizations. Call the YOUTHLINE at 617-635-2240 or search the online database of youth programs at www.BostonYouthZone.com

The Mayor's Youth Council is working to connect young people in Boston with resources and opportunities. For more information on the MYC and our projects: www.BostonYouthZone.com/myc

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